

Control projects for the next calendar year. Submissions must reach OCE by 15 December of the preceding calendar year, in the format prescribed by Appendix D.

§ 273.16 Operations.

Operational activities will be conducted by reporting officers in accordance with approved annual work plans and State design memoranda. Questions should be referred to HQDA (DAEN-CWO-R) WASH DC 20314.

(a) *Certification of pesticide applicators.* Activities will be subject to the provisions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act of 1972, (reference §273.12(b) and (c)), regarding the training and certification of pesticide supervisors and/or applicators.

(b) *Safety in use of herbicides.* Use of herbicides will be in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, reference §273.12 (d) and (e). Some herbicides are toxic chemicals and must be used with utmost care. Operators and applicators are required to use respiratory protective devices to prevent inhalation of toxic dusts, vapors, or gases; protective clothing to protect the skin; and eye protection. Some of the primary precautions which must be observed in handling herbicides are listed in Appendix E. Questions concerning safety should be referred to HQDA (DAEN-SO) Washington, D.C. 20314.

§ 273.17 Annual budget request.

The Aquatic Plant Control Program is a continuing activity funded under Construction, General, subject to monetary limitations of \$5,000,000 on annual appropriations authorized for the program. Recommendations and supporting data will be submitted in accordance with ER 11-2-240. The amounts requested should be the minimum requirements for the purpose of the authorized program to meet essential needs and should be within the Division's capability to utilize within the budget year taking into account the foreseeable availability of local funds to meet cost-sharing requirements for control operations.

§ 273.18 Clearinghouse coordination.

Procedures prescribed under §384.15 of Chapter II will be observed.

APPENDIX A TO PART 273—AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROGRAM LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 104 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, approved 3 July 1958 (72 Stat. 297, 300), as amended by section 104 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1962 (76 Stat. 1173, 1180), and as amended by section 302 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, approved 27 October 1965 (79 Stat. 1092) states as follows:

SEC. 302(a) There is hereby authorized a comprehensive program to provide for control and progressive eradication of waterhyacinth, alligatorweed, Eurasian watermillfoil, and other obnoxious aquatic plant growths, from the navigable waters, tributary streams, connecting channels, and other allied waters of the United States, in the combined interest of navigation, flood control, drainage, agriculture, fish and wildlife conservation, public health, and related purposes, including continued research for development of the most effective and economic control measures, to be administered by the Chief of Engineers, under the direction of the Secretary of the Army, in cooperation with other Federal and State agencies. Local interests shall agree to hold and save the United States free from claims that may occur from control operations and to participate to the extent of 30 per centum of the cost of such operations. Costs for research and planning undertaken pursuant to the authorities of this section shall be borne fully by the Federal Government.

(b) There are authorized to be appropriated such amounts not in excess of \$5,000,000 annually, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Any such funds employed for control operations shall be allocated by the Chief of Engineers on a priority basis, based upon the urgency and need of each area, and the availability of local funds.

APPENDIX B TO PART 273—INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROGRAM REPORTS

1. Location and brief description of problem area if necessary for understanding environmental factors, including a suitable map (appendix).
2. Statement of problem with brief description of physical factors pertaining thereto, including identification by common and scientific name of the plant or plants concerned, origin of infestation and likely source of reinfestation; extent of infestation including estimated surface area, depth or density; nature of physical and economic

damages occasioned by presence of the infestation; and other information clarifying the nature and magnitude of the problem. Explanation should be given of how and why the infestation meets the principal criteria governing the program.

3. Preliminary plan of procedure, if any, for control operations or engineering works, including control methods, materials, equipment and procedures that may be employed. If sufficient information is not available to outline a preliminary plan for operation control, the report should include a brief statement of the special problems in control methods that need to be resolved before detailed planning can be undertaken.

4. Preliminary project cost estimates broken down into planning and operation costs for Federal and non-Federal budgeting. The report should present sufficient data concerning cost estimates for review by item and unit price.

5. Preliminary economic evaluation with approximation of benefits and brief summary of supporting data classified as general or local.

6. Discussion of availability of authority for State participation in the program, the interest of State agencies in such participation, and the likelihood of State funds being available for cost-sharing required for any control operations.

7. Cost estimate for subsequent preparation of a detailed planning report, and estimated length of time to complete after receipt of funds, and schedule of funding by fiscal years.

APPENDIX C TO PART 273—INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS

1. Description of the problem.

a. *Pests.* Identify the pest to be controlled by common name. Be as specific as possible.

b. *Location and size of infestation.* Describe the target area as specifically as possible.

c. *Severity of infestation.* Discuss the degree and importance of the pest problem.

d. *History of infestation.* Discuss obvious development as established.

e. *Criteria for identification of the treatment areas.* Include technical details as established.

f. Possible cumulative effects of the proposed action in relation to other Federal or non-Federal pesticides application in the treatment area.

g. *Relationship to environmental situation.* Non-target organisms and integrated pest management programs.

2. Program accomplishments:

a. *Goals.* Discuss practical control levels.

b. Monitoring accomplishment level.

3. Identification of each chemical:

a. *Name.* Use common or coined names, and/or chemical name.

b. *Active ingredient.* Give name and percentage.

c. *Status of Federal registration.* Give registration number.

4. Application:

a. *Form applied.* Dust, granule, emulsion, bait solution, gas, etc.

b. *Choice of equipment and techniques.* Discuss general details of method of application.

c. *Use strength.* Give concentration of the active ingredient as applied.

d. *Rate.* Give rate of application in pounds per acre or other rate.

e. *Frequency.* Discuss probable frequency of application.

f. *Acreage or other descriptive unit.* Discuss area of proposed control.

g. *Site description.* Lake, river, drainage canal, irrigation canal, etc.

h. *Sensitive areas.* Discuss areas of potential contamination.

i. *Container disposal.* Discuss disposal requirements.

j. *Safety precautions.* Discuss hazards of exposure.

5. *Alternative measures:* Discuss details of alternative methods of control.

APPENDIX D TO PART 273—WORK PROGRESS REPORT

Aquatic Plant Control Program

(Example)

District: Vicksburg. Year Ending: 1 December 1974.

Division: Lower Mississippi Valley. Date Submitted: 15 December 1974.

1. *Status of contracts scheduled for award in current fiscal year.*

Contract	Scheduled award date	Actual award date
Plant control operations ...	July 1973	July 31, 1973.

2. *Comparison of scheduled and actual current FY obligations and expenditures to date.*

	Approved Mar. 28, 1974	Actual	Difference
Obligations	\$4.7	\$3.2	—\$1.5
Expenditures	4.1	2.9	—1.2

3. *Explanation of difference.* Not applicable.

4. *Outlook for meeting programmed objectives.*

a. *Programmed objectives.* Full utilization of work allowance.

b. *Outlook.* We expect to meet our programmed objectives.

5. *Problems and corrective action taken or proposed action.* Not applicable.